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1. EMBOFF MET WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY (JOSE CARDENAS
RONCO) ON MARCH 10 TO DISCUSS THE PRESENT STATE OF THE SELA
ACTION COMMITTEE ON FISH PRODUCTS. THE COMMITTEE HAS ESTABLISHED
ITS BASIC PLAN OF ACTION FOR 1978 AND IS NOW JUST BEGINNING TO
IMPLEMENT CERTAIN ASPECTS OF PLAN.

2. THE COMMITTEE'S CHARTER, THE CONSTITUTIONAL ACT., WAS
ADOPTED IN OCTOBER 1977. MEMBERS ARE MEXICO, CUBA, HONDURAS,
COSTA RICA, PANAMA, VENEZUELA, ECUADOR, PERU, CHILE, AND
BOLIVIA. FUTURE MEMBERSHIP REMAINS OPEN TO ALL SELA MEMBERS
AND CARDENAS STATED THAT COLOMBIA, BRAZIL, GUYANA, BARBADOS AND
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TRINIDAD-TOBAGO HAVE INDICATED INTEREST IN JOINING THE ACTION
COMMITTEE. AN ACTION PROGRAM AND BUDGET WERE APPROVED AT THE
COMMITTEE'S FIRST MEETING ON DECEMBER 9, 1977, IN LIMA.

3. THE COMMITTEE'S ACTION PLAN INDICATES THAT COMMITTEE IS SEEN
AS MEANS OF SHARING EXPERTISE AND OF DEVELOPING BASIC KNOWLEDGE
OF FISH RESOURCES. PROJECTS PLANNED FOR 1978 BY THE COMMITTEE

INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, THE INVESTIGATION OF BASIC FISH RESOURCES WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON MIGRATORY SPECIES AND THE RESOURCES OF LAKE TITICACA, A STUDY OF QUALITY CONTROL OF FISH PRODUCTS WITH A VIEW TOWARDS FACILITATING EXPORTS, THE IDENTIFICATION OF SOURCES OF FINANCING AND INTERNATIONAL AID FOR THE EXECUTION OF PROJECTS, AND THE ORGANIZATION OF SPECIALIZED SYMPOSIUMS. IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE VARIED PROJECTS PLANNED, THE COMMITTEE WILL BE DEPENDENT ON EXPERTS LOANED BY THE MEMBER COUNTRIES RATHER THAN ON THE VERY LIMITED PERSONNEL OF THE COMMITTEE ITSELF.

4. THE COMMITTEE'S FIRST SYMPOSIUM IS BEING HELD FROM MARCH 13-17 IN LIMA. THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS MEETING IS TO CREATE A MODEL AGREEMENT FOR USE BY MEMBERS IN NEGOTIATING WITH FOREIGN COMPANIES SEEKING OFF SHORE RIGHTS. WHEN THE EMBASSY OBTAINS A COPY OF THE MODEL WE WILL SEND IT TO THE DEPARTMENT.

5. CARDENAS WILL BE TRAVELLING TO MEMBER NATIONS IN LATE MARCH- EARLY APRIL TO DISCUSS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OTHER PROJECTS.

6. COPIES OF THE ACTION PLAN AND THE COMMITTEE'S CHARTER ARE BEING POUCHED.
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